### **Animals**

Name of Organization	Short Description	Age, Time, and Other Requirements
Guiding Eyes for the Blind Canine  Development Center	Puppy Raisers open their hearts and homes to 9 week old future guide dogs for their first 14-16 months of life, then return them to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.	Applicants need no previous dog experience. Applicants Guiding Eyes provides extensive support to Puppy Raisers through local classes, free veterinary care
Heritage Humane Society	Numerous volunteer opportunities including some with direct contact with animals after training.	High School Age youth with parent release required.
Peninsula SPCA	Several different volunteer opportunities including direct contact with animals for 16-18 year olds after training.	Individuals interested in volunteering begin by attending a volunteer-interest meeting.

# Guiding Eyes for the Blind Canine Development Center

**Description:** *Puppy Raisers* open their hearts and homes to 9 week old future guide dogs for their first 14-16 months of life, then return them to Guiding Eyes for the Blind for specialized guide dog training. Raisers teach puppies socialization, house manners and basic obedience. Volunteers attend FREE local classes that will teach dog handling and socialization skills as well as basic dog obedience.

#### Location:

National Office: Yorktown Heights, New York Area Offices: Richmond and Virginia Beach

Time Requirements: Not available.

Contact Information: Contact the Canine Development Center at: 1-866 GEB LABS (1-866 432 5227) or visit our website: http://www.cdc.guidingeyes.org for more information about the program.

Area Contacts: Cathy and Les Foldesi, Richmond Coordinators, (804) 285-7931, <a href="mailto:foldesi@verizon.net">foldesi@verizon.net</a>
Gina Rose, Virginia Beach Coordinator, (757) 463-3823, <a href="mailto:ginask9s@cox.net">ginask9s@cox.net</a>

## Heritage Humane Society

**Description:** Youth Volunteer opportunities include: office filing, crushing aluminum cans for the recycling program, lawn maintenance and cleaning cages and kennels. After training, some contact with animals is permitted including socializing cats, walking dogs, and taking care of puppy litters.

### Location:

430 Waller Mill Road Williamsburg, Virginia 23188 Time Requirements: Varies.

Contact Information: For further information please call the volunteer manager at 221-0150 or email at volunteercoord@heritagehumanesociety.org. Website: <a href="http://www.heritagehumanesociety.org">http://www.heritagehumanesociety.org</a>

# Peninsula SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals)

**Description:** Youth volunteerism begins with a volunteer interest meeting usually held approximately once every other week. Middle school volunteers (individually or in groups) must be accompanied by an adult. An animal handling class is available for 16-18 year olds. Typical youth volunteer activities include unfolding newspapers to line cages, cleaning out cages and meeting and greeting the public.

### Location:

523 J. Clyde Morris Blvd. Newport News, Virginia 23601

Time Requirements: Varies.

**Contact Information:** For further information please call Sarah Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator at 595-1399 or log onto their website at <a href="http://www.peninsulaspca.com">http://www.peninsulaspca.com</a>